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28 January 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Establishment of FBIS Mediterranean Monitoring Station

1. In accordance with memorandum dated 22 December 1947 from the Executive for Administration and Management, subject: "Proposed Transfer of FBIS Mediterranean Monitoring Station", and in accordance with travel orders issued effective 26 January 1948, the following instructions are applicable to the establishment of a monitoring station on the Island of Cyprus.

2. The CIA group will proceed from Washington on 26 January 1948 at 8:00 p.m. by air, arriving in Athens, Greece, on 28 January 1948. Upon arrival at Athens, [REDACTED] will contact the Chief, District Engineers, Athens, Greece, to make arrangements in accordance with cable dated 7 January 1948 from Brigadier General J. S. Bragdon, Assistant Chief of Engineers for Military Construction, Department of the Army.

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3. Upon completion of satisfactory arrangements in Athens, the party will proceed to Cairo, Egypt, to discuss with Mr. Ben Hall, Chief, FBIS Monitoring Station, Cairo, Egypt, the various problems in connection with the establishment of a new station and, through Mr. Hall, will make arrangements to contact the Military Attache in Cairo. Necessary arrangements will be made with either or both Mr. Hall and the Military Attache in regard to regular courier service to the Island of Cyprus and, also, for such financial support as may be necessary from the FBIS station and the office of the Military Attache.

4. Before leaving Cairo, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will discuss with Mr. Farnsworth, Legal Advisor to the Ambassador to Egypt, the legal problems with which CIA will be confronted in Cyprus. They will also obtain information as to the assistance which Mr. Farnsworth may be in connection with legal matters pertaining to the acquisition of land in Cyprus.

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5. Upon completion of arrangements in Cairo, the party will proceed to Cyprus. Upon arrival in Cyprus, the party will inspect the several proposed sites selected by FBIS engineers and will tentatively determine the most advantageous site. [REDACTED] will have complete charge of all activities in connection with the establishment.

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of the station on Cyprus, and no contacts or arrangements shall be made without his prior knowledge and approval. [] will contact the Colonial Governor or his representative for the purpose of obtaining information as to methods of proceeding in connection with the purchase and/or lease of such land as may be necessary for the station, and to determine the interest which the Colonial Governor or the British Government may have in the site to be selected.

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6. Assuming that approval is given by the Colonial Governor to Mr. Stutler for entering into negotiations with the owners of the property selected, [] will then determine the proper individuals to contact for the purpose of obtaining written offers for lease or purchase of the land to be acquired. Offers should contain, if possible, an option for a period of 60 days.

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7. [] will at this point obtain an estimate from the representative of the U. S. Engineers as to the cost of construction of

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- (a) An operations building according to sketches prepared by FBIB, and
- (b) Two 6-room family dwellings, to be constructed economically and of durable materials to be obtained locally or from the Military Mission in Greece.

8. [] will prepare a cable addressed to the Director of Central Intelligence, including the following information:

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- (a) Recommendations with respect to the land to be acquired, stating location and number of acres to be purchased and/or leased.
- (b) Complete quotation of the written offers received for purchase and/or lease of land.
- (c) Statement as to comparative cost of purchased or leased land obtained by other individuals or concerns.
- (d) Estimates of U. S. Engineers for (1) local construction of operations building, and (2) local construction of two 6-room dwellings; estimates to include cost of all labor and materials, and (3) cost of the balance of the work, not including buildings.

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(e) Recommendation from [] and from the U. S. Engineers as to the desirability of local construction versus pre-fabricated buildings. 25X1

(f) A description of the procedure which will be followed in the acquisition of the land, including recommendations of Mr. Farnsworth and the Colonial Governor regarding the problems connected with acquisition.

(g) Recommendations with respect to financial arrangements to be made

(1) With the U. S. Engineers,

(2) For payment for the land to be acquired,

(3) For funds to be made available to FBIS Mission, Cairo, for the Cyprus Project,

(4) For funds to be allotted to [] as Agent Cashier for local disbursement. 25X1

(h) A description of local port facilities and storage arrangements.

9. [] will not make any definite commitments regard these arrangements until authorization to proceed has been received from the Director of Central Intelligence, except such preliminary arrangements for services that will be requested from the U. S. Engineers, and such local assistance as may be required and can be paid from the Agent Cashier's fund. 25X1

10. [] will remain on Cyprus until the acquisition of the land by lease or purchase has been consummated and all contractual arrangements which may be required have been completed. Upon completion of these matters, [] will return to the United States. 25X1

11. [] will remain on Cyprus until the entire project is complete, or will be completed within such a reasonable time that no further administrative support from [] is required. However, [], prior to departure, will make arrangements for 25X1 25X1

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the closing down of the Cairo Station and cancelling of all existing leases and agreements, the disposition of equipment, and settling of all outstanding CIA obligations in connection with the operation of the Cairo Station.


FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:


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Attachments:

- One cy Secret Priority Cable 7 Jan 48
from Brig.Gen. Bragdon
- One cy Secret memo 19 Jan 48 from B & F
re Financial Details
- One cy Ltr 21 Jan 48 from Brig.Gen. Bragdon
re Pre-Fabricated buildings

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